

Hello,

We love spending our time planning trips for others, but every so often it's nice to step back and think about where we would like to go next ourselves.

So, we thought we'd share a few of the journeys we'd be planning right now.



John

Right now, I'd be drawn back to **Southern Africa**, and actually I'm heading out to South Africa this November, which I'm really looking forward to.

I'd build a trip that combines a few different elements, perhaps starting with time in Cape Town or the Winelands, then heading on safari, but keeping it fairly relaxed with longer stays in fewer places.

I'd also be tempted to add in somewhere like **Morocco**, which offers a completely different pace and atmosphere. A few days exploring Marrakech, time in the Atlas Mountains, and then perhaps heading out to the desert. Stays such as Madù Luxury Camp in Erg Chebbi have a similar feel to safari in some ways, being out in a remote landscape, with a sense of space and stillness, just in a very different setting.

Antarctica is also very much on my mind at the moment. We've had a lot of interest recently, and it's one of those journeys that feels genuinely different from anywhere else.



Amanda

I'd lean towards somewhere with a strong sense of culture and contrast.

Japan is somewhere I keep coming back to, particularly combining Tokyo and Kyoto with time in a quieter, more rural area. It's such a well-balanced trip combining food, culture, scenery, and a real sense of place.

India is another that stands out. It's vibrant, layered, and full of contrast, and when it's planned well, it can be an incredibly rewarding experience.

I'm also really keen to explore **Panama**, it feels like one of those places that offers a bit of everything, from rainforest and wildlife to coastline and a really interesting cultural mix.



Jill

If I were choosing where to go right now, I'd probably have three very different trips on my wish list.

Argentina would be right near the top. I would love to spend time in Patagonia, with a few days of proper hiking and being immersed in those vast landscapes that make you feel wonderfully small. I'd then finish in Buenos Aires, enjoying long lunches, great wine and the city's vibrant food scene.

Vietnam is another destination I find myself drawn to. I love travelling through a country via its food, and Vietnam feels made for that. I'd start in Hanoi, spending time exploring the city's cafés, markets and street food scene, before heading further south, perhaps combining a few days on the water in Ha Long Bay with time relaxing on the coast. It offers that wonderful balance of culture, scenery and incredible food.

Bhutan would complete the list. It's one of those destinations that seems to encourage you to slow down and appreciate where you are. I love the idea of walking through mountain valleys, visiting monasteries and staying in beautiful lodges surrounded by nature. It combines adventure and tranquillity in a way that few places seem to.

Whichever trip I chose, food would be a big part of it. I always enjoy building in food tours and seeking out memorable local restaurants, as it is often one of the best ways to get to know a destination properly.

And finally...

We've loved taking a moment to think about where we would go ourselves. The list is always longer than expected, and never that easy to narrow down (we could have listed so much more..)

It did make us wonder... where would you go next? Do let us know....

Many thanks,

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